

CLEAN PITTSBURGH COMMISSION 2019 YEAR IN REVIEW



The Garbage Olympics is a citywide litter clean-up competition where neighborhood teams compete to pick up the most trash to win the coveted Oscar trophy.

The 2019 Garbage Olympics grew to

- 33 Pittsburgh neighborhoods, plus Penn Hills!
- over 554 volunteers participating
- over 974 bags of garbage which included
 - over 134 tires
 - more than 95 TV's
 - 15 mattresses
 - 8 couches
 - 6 shopping carts
 - 4 pallets
 - 1 fridge and
 - 1 dishwasher full of silverware and glass

Thank you to our sponsors:
 Mayor William Peduto
 Councilman Coghill (District 4)
 Councilman Bruce Kraus (District 3)
 Councilman O'Connor (District 5)
 Councilwoman Deb Gross (District 7)
 Threadbare Cider & Mead
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Special thanks to
 Lena Andrews,
 Renee Robinson, and
 Kiyomi Knox
 for their stamina and
 organizing skills!



Highland Park,
 Fineview & Perry Hilltop,
 Oakland



Brookline,
 Carrick & Overbrook,
 East Liberty

- Allentown (2nd place)
- Beechview - Bloomfield - Brighton Heights
- Brookline - California Kirkbride (5th place)
- Carrick & Overbrook (3rd place)
- Central Oakland (Largest team) - Deutschtown
- East Liberty - West End & Elliott
- Fineview & Perry Hilltop - Friendship
- Garfield (Oscar award winner) - Greenfield
- Hazelwood - Highland Park - Homewood
- Larimer - Lawrenceville (4th place)
- Lower Hill - Morningside - Polish Hill (Dirtiest Volunteer) - Sheraden (Strangest Item Found)
- South Side Slopes - Spring Garden - Spring Hill
- Squirrel Hill - Strip District - Troy Hill
- ...and Penn Hills with the most Team Spirit!

The Garbage Olympics won Neighborhood Allies' Healthy Neighborhoods Neighborhood Image Award
 Find our highlight video on YouTube by searching ^

TRASH STATS

Bureau of Environmental Services

ES, as part of Department of Public Works, collects waste & recycling in the City of Pittsburgh

In 2019, ES collected

- 14,441 tons of Single Stream Recycling
- 83,489.79 tons of Trash
- 70.08 tons of Electronic Waste
- 36 tons of Christmas trees

The Department of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections (PLI)

PLI is tasked with responding to requests for property maintenance, including accumulation of garbage and weeds higher than 10 inches. Citizens made 11,579 reports of weeds & debris and 4,498 for building maintenance to 311 in 2019.

Department of Public Works

Department of Public Works assisted 383 volunteer clean up efforts in 2019. By putting in an application with DPW, volunteers receive supplies such as bags and gloves, and DPW trucks pick up all collected refuse after the volunteer clean up event. This year the newly created position of Anti-Litter Specialist was able to streamline the application process to get average approval time down from 4 weeks to 20 minutes! To learn more about DPW volunteer applications, email volunteer@pittsburghpa.gov

City of Pittsburgh - 311

PittsburghPA.gov/311

Phone: 412-255-2621 or 311

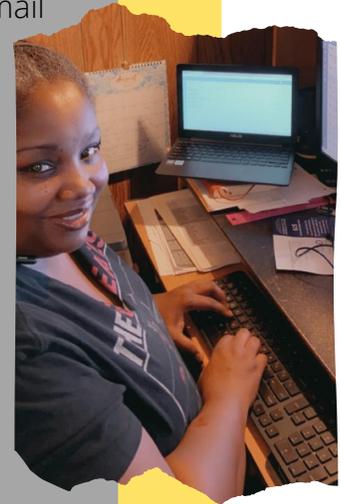
Twitter: @PGH311

MyBurghApp on Android and iOS

311 processed 95,167 citizen requests in 2019



Add'l Recycling info
ECSR.net/Pittsburgh-Recycling
RecycleThisPGH.com
PGH.st
Search 'waste & recycling'
on PittsburghPA.gov for more!



Naomi on the 311 team



Regular monthly meeting of the Commission, this one hosted by the Pennsylvania Resources Council

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Allegheny Cleanways

AlleghenyCleanways.com

Facebook: @AlleghenyCleanways

In 2019, Allegheny Cleanways worked tirelessly with 700 volunteers logging ~2,318 hours to remove 147.3 tons of illegal dumping and 3,232 tires from the City of Pittsburgh.

Pennsylvania Resources Council

PRC.org

Facebook: @PRC.org

PRC distributed 650 blue 32 gallon recycling bins to North Side to grow recycling rates and decrease the use of plastic bags to collect recyclables

PRC provided Zero Waste Services at 33 public events in the region and diverted 57 tons of materials from landfills into recycling and compost streams.

PRC held 27 glass recycling pop up collection events across the region, collecting over 200 tons after glass was no longer accepted in many curbside recycling programs

Grounded Strategies

GroundedPGH.org

Facebook: @GroundedPGH

Grounded works with communities to restore vacant and neglected land. In 2019, Grounded transformed 19 vacant lots into active green spaces and supported 25 partner projects. This work included more than 45 volunteer workdays, 784 volunteers, and 44 community partners. Through CommunityCare, a public stewardship program that provides residents with the tools and support to maintain green spaces, community stewards spent 587 hours at 23 sites throughout Homewood, Larimer, and Wilkinsburg

University of Pittsburgh

studentaffairs.pitt.edu/pittserves

Pitt Make a Difference Day (PMADD), held in October, is the University's largest day of service. In 2019, the University's Main Campus organized 3,175 participants to serve on 90 projects. PittServes engages students in two other major projects: Clutter for a Cause and an off-campus Clutter program coordinated with Oakland Planning and Development Corporation. Clutter for a Cause sets up collection stations for students to drop off items such as furniture and home goods for reuse by other students. 2019's on-campus collection gathered 1,200 lbs of household goods and 800 lbs of clothing to be resold at Pitt's on-campus thrift store, Thriftsburgh. The program also collected 8,000 lbs of goods to be donated to St. Vincent de Paul Society, Goodwill, and the Free Stores in Wilkinsburg and Braddock



Photos courtesy of PRC and Grounded



CPC members Omoye Aikhuele and Patty Chavez

2019 Meet n Greet and Bob Awards
at the Shop in Homewood in May.
The Bob Awards, a tribute to the late Mayor Bob O'Connor and his dedication to cleaning up the City, are presented by Councilman Corey O'Connor and Judy O'Connor each year.



Judy O'Connor and Councilman Corey O'Connor with Andre Young and Lukas Bagshaw

Thanks to our dedicated Bob Awards photographer Dan Buczynski!

Bob Award winners:

Volunteer of the year - Andre Young
Neighborhood of the Year - Mexican War Streets, Lukas Bagshaw accepting
Emerging leader of the year - Marya Pittaway, Pretty Up Beechview

By the numbers, in sum:
Volunteers engaged by member orgs Allegheny CleanWays, the City, and Garbage Olympics: 6,842 volunteers
Trash off the street and collected by volunteers and Environmental Services from residences: 167,417,840 lbs + 974 bags



2019 Members

For a current list, our bios, and more, search 'Clean Pittsburgh Commission' on PittsburghPA.gov or find us on Facebook @CleanPGHCommission

- Myrna Newman**, Allegheny CleanWays, Co-Chair
- Alicia Carberry**, Office of the Mayor, Co-Chair
- Sarah Alessio Shea**, Pennsylvania Resources Council, Treasurer
- Aftyn Giles**, City Planning - Sustainability and Resilience, Co-Treasurer
- Erika Deyarmin-Young**, Waste Management, Secretary
- Chris Mitchell**, Department of Public Works, Outreach Coordinator

HELLO
my name is

We meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month - all are welcome!

- Omoye Aikhuele**, Bureau of Environmental Services
- Det. Alphonso Sloan**, Pittsburgh Bureau of Police
- Sally Stadelman**, Permits, Licensing, & Inspections
- Patty Chavez**, Department of Mobility & Infrastructure
- Lori Beth Jones**, Community Representative
- Ted Loehner**, Pittsburgh Public Schools
- Erika Ninos**, University of Pittsburgh
- Anna Archer**, Grounded Strategies
- NaTisha Washington**, Operation Better Block
- Rachel Nawrocki**, Community Representative

Five of us traveled to Harrisburg in November for Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful's Litter Summit, an expert-led conference on what local, state, and national governments, major corporations and NGOs are doing to combat the high environmental, economic and reputational costs of litter. The Summit centered around the release of

THE COST OF LITTER & ILLEGAL DUMPING IN PA:
A STUDY OF NINE CITIES ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH

The 9 cities, including Pittsburgh, Erie, and Philadelphia, spend ~68 million dollars annually on prevention and elimination of litter and illegal dumping.

We learned more about the behavioral psychology of littering, including that "No Littering" signs can actually invite rather than prohibit littering.

We are dedicated to using research-backed strategies to improve how we talk about and approach litter and inform public behavior for the better.

Search 'litter cost study' on keepbeautiful.org to read the report. Thank you to Waste Management for sponsoring travel and registration!



Co-chair Alicia Carberry presenting on the success of the Garbage Olympics on a litter initiatives panel at the Summit



KEY RESULTS

Regardless of size and geography, each of the nine case study cities spend significant sums annually to prevent and clean up litter and illegal dumping. **Together, these nine cities spend more than \$68.5 million annually.**¹

City	Prevention		Education & Outreach	Abatement		Enforcement	Total	Population ⁷
	Litter	Illegal Dumping		Litter	Illegal Dumping			
Allentown	\$ 1,291,700	\$ 8,900	\$ 35,000	\$ 2,192,100	\$ 370,200	\$ 669,300	\$ 4,567,200	121,433
Altoona	\$ 227,300	\$ 151,800	\$ 2,300	\$ 260,700	\$ 26,000	\$ 143,500	\$ 811,600	43,702
Erie	\$ 151,100	\$ 498,600	\$ 17,300	\$ 998,400	\$ 207,900	\$ 345,700	\$ 2,219,000	96,471
Harrisburg	\$ 73,400	\$ 34,700	\$ 102,200	\$ 1,242,700	\$ 235,500	\$ 49,000	\$ 1,737,500	49,229
Lancaster	\$ 20,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 5,500	\$ 1,393,300	\$ 7,200	\$ 704,500	\$ 2,131,500	59,420
Philadelphia	\$ 1,217,000	\$ 2,163,400	\$ 547,300	\$ 36,314,700	\$ 6,376,800	\$ 1,778,300	\$ 48,397,500	1,584,138
Pittsburgh	\$ 2,734,400	\$ 246,800	\$ 57,700	\$ 2,706,900	\$ 232,400	\$ 331,300	\$ 6,309,500	301,048
Reading	\$ 70,500	\$ 126,500	\$ 9,400	\$ 1,437,200	\$ 404,600	\$ 29,700	\$ 2,077,900	88,495
Scranton *	\$ 66,400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 138,800	\$ 26,000	\$ 38,900	\$ 270,100	77,182
Total	\$ 5,851,800	\$ 3,231,700	\$ 776,700	\$ 46,684,800	\$ 7,886,600	\$ 4,090,200	\$ 68,521,800	2,421,118



Pittsburgh representation in Harrisburg

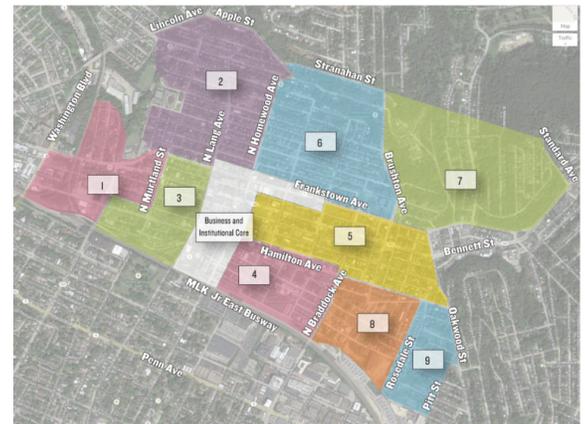
In May, we worked with Operation Better Block and Cluster 5 and Cluster 7 resident groups in Homewood to choose 6 houses and 3 gardens for a large volunteer clean-up and paint out day. 45 volunteers removed 3,500 lbs of trash, 12 tires, and 4 TV's



Before



After



Cluster Planning Map: Contrasting with past neighborhood-wide planning efforts, the Homewood Cluster Planning process more effectively engages community members by focusing on one part of the neighborhood at a time.

Source: Operation Better Block www.obbinc.org